

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 14 July, 2020

The teleconference was brought to order at 10:00 AM by Gerald Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Corkin, Karen	Dominguez, Jason	Greenberg, Warren
Gwartnay, Brad	Harder, Bud	Heaton, Don
Jackson, Clay	Judge, Jim	Troxler, Dave
White, Pat		

- Mr. Brandon had attendees introduce themselves and then asked Jim Judge, Director of Emergency Management for Volusia County to begin the meeting.
 - The County is dealing with the Corona virus pandemic with the policy of wash up/step up/mask up/back up.
 - Mask mass distribution is being done mostly through the County libraries.
 - The County has received 150,000 palettes of food to distribute through the food banks, working closely with Community Services, with 120,000 going out this week.
 - There are many testing sites around the County with hopefully more to come. For more information go to Volusia.org/pin.
 - We are in hurricane season. There have already been 6 named storms. The anticipated number of storms has been increased, and, it looks like there will be a La Nina which will not be good because it will warm the waters and the winds will blow from east to west which can bring storms to the coastline.
 - There will be very challenging times if it becomes necessary to evacuate during this pandemic largely because of social distancing.
 - We have cancelled our Hurricane Expo for this year, and have declined to participate in the Expo being presented by the News Journal in order to follow CDC guidelines.

- Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, said that we appreciate all who are participating in this teleconference. We are staying out of the way at the Emergency Operating Center (EOC) but at the same time keeping in touch in case we as a COAD are needed.

- Mr. Brandon next asked each member in attendance to bring us up-to-date on the activities within their organization:
 - Pat White, COAD treasurer:
 - Our account is up and running and there are no problems with PayPal
 - Jason Dominguez with the United Way:
 - They are continuing to up-date all information on the databases that are used by callers.
 - They are making sure that 2-1-1 calls are up-dated.
 - Warren Greenberg with Volusia ARIES:
 - They are doing a great deal of on-line training using Zoom in order to keep people up-to-date.
 - Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND:
 - They are finishing 4 roofs in a major roof campaign.
 - The use of volunteers is a major problem right now, but they are working on it.
 - They have received a grant from Volunteer Florida to repair mobile homes. This will extend into next year.
 - Clay Jackson with Volusia County ESF15:
 - There are 2 big programs going because of the pandemic: Covid19 rental and Covid19 mortgage and business program.
 - People who have been economically impacted by the pandemic should investigate these.
 - Programs are on-line only.
 - For the Covid19 rental: Volusia.org/P1NRA
 - For Covid19 mortgage and business: Volusia.org/C19MA
 - For utility businesses, whether impacted or not by the pandemic, everything is being done by telephone interviews. To get an appointment call: 386-239-7757.
 - Karen Corkin with Volusia Health Department:
 - They are continuing to stay on top of testing and other things due to the Covid19 pandemic at the Holsenbeck address.
 - They are doing more testing in the New Smyrna Beach area.

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- Ms. Corkin reviewed other areas where testing is happening.
 - The number to call for an appointment for a test is: 386-281-6425 or 866-779-6121.
 - They are distributing cloth masks to individuals as well as to non-profit businesses. They can call 386-624-0485 to get these masks.
 - Bud Harder with Spruce Creek CERT:
 - Nothing to actually report at this time, but he is grateful to be kept in the loop.
 - Brad Gwartnay with Disaster Relief at Central Baptist Church:
 - They have distributed about 60,000 meals locally.
 - They are involved with helping the public in any way they can.
 - They will be able to be a site for testing if it is necessary.
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- Mr. Brandon thanked everyone for their involvement in the conference call.
 - The next Steering Committee meeting will be 11 August, 2020.
 - Mr. Judge said that if we use teleconferencing for the next Steering Committee meeting we would use the same numbers as we used this time.
 - The next General Meeting is 16 September, 2020.
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.